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DR. WM. C. REQUA.

Something of the Life of One of
Bates County's First Pioneers.

CHAPTER II.

Next in order to the account of Harmony Mission, inseparably connected with its history, and identified with the moral, religious, and physical growth of Bates county, should follow, in our judgment, the biographical sketch of Dr. Wm. C. Requa, of Lone Oak township, now one of the oldest living pioneers and citizens in the county—a man universally respected and honored by his fellow citizens:

OLD DR. REQUA.

To put a final stop to all persecution on account of religious belief, Henry the Fourth, King of France, issued, in 1568, the famous "Edict of Nantes," decreeing that Protestants should enjoy the same rights and privileges in all respects with Catholics, but Louis Fourteenth revoked it in 1685, and a severe persecution of Protestants, or Huguenots, as they were called, was at once set on foot. To escape this many fled to other countries, some taking refuge in America. Among these was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who settled at New Rochelle, N. Y. The mother of the late President Garfield was also a descendant of the same people. Wm. C. Requa was born in Westchester county, N. Y., August 22, 1795, and is now 86 1/2 years of age. His grandmother was from Aberdeen, Scotland, therefore the blood of the gay, enthusiastic Frenchman, and the stern, rigid, old Covenanters is commingled in his veins. He was educated at an academy in Dutchess county, N. Y. While there the school was visited by a Rev. Mr. Chapman, who was seeking for volunteers to go with him to a mission at Fort Gibson, Arkansas, to the Osage Indians. This Mission was established and supported in the same manner as Harmony Mission, in this county, heretofore described in these sketches. In the year 1820, he joined a Mission party that went from New York to Philadelphia by steamboat and stage. Thence in wagons with six horse teams, to Pittsburg, Penn. Thence down the Ohio and Mississippi and up the Arkansas and Neosho, in keelboats. While going down the Mississippi, Mr. Requa, who was a good swimmer, rescued the son of the Superintendent of the Mission from drowning. He served as a teacher in what was known as the Union Mission for twelve years. Was married in 1821 to Miss Susan Comstock. Having learned the Indian language, he often preached to the Indians, but was not a licensed minister while there. The Mission was disbanded in 1832, and the members scattered. Mr. Requa had at different times made trips through what is now Bates county, and liked the country so well that after roving about and making one trip east, he came to Harmony Mission, near Papinyille. His wife died in 1833, leaving two children, both of whom have since died, one leaving a son, Lyman R. Sperry, who is now in school at Butler. He was married in 1837 to Jane Montgomery, who only lived one year after her marriage.

The Mormon settlement in Jackson county having been broken up, two of them had settled in what is now Lone Oak township, and in 1837 Mr. Requa bought out the improvements of one Daniel Francis, the country not yet having been surveyed and put in market. This has ever since been his home. During his work at the Mission he studied medicine, and after coming to Bates county was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church. So that during pioneer times and the troublous times of the border war and the civil war, besides carrying on his farm, he served the settlers in the capacity of minister and physician, and was acknowledged to be one of the most useful members of society. In 1840 he was married to his present wife. They have six sons and three daughters now living. Two of his sons were soldiers in the Union army. Upon making a visit to the Doctor at his pleasant home, he was found occupied with caring for the years' supply of pork for the family. His health is yet remarkably good, and he is enjoying as comfortable and happy old age as

one could wish for. Mrs. Requa's health is now feeble, but as good as is usual for her age. He could remember no serious trouble with the Indians in Bates county, except that related in the sketch of Harmony Mission. The wild animals were elk, wolves and great herds of deer. In his opinion the climate at that time averaged about the same as at present—then, as now, very changeable. Sixty-one years experience in this locality convinces him that there is no climatic change taking place. Upon the approach of the civil war, Dr. Requa was known as a staunch Unionist. His house was entered by a band of bushwhackers in 1861, but himself and eldest son, having had warning, had left home. They carried off what suited them, but did no harm to the women and children, except to threaten them for not showing them where the good things were. Two horses were taken at different times, and the house robbed again in 1862, after which the family removed to Miami county, Kansas, and remained till the war was over. During the war one Aleck Weddle ordered Dr. Requa to drive to his place a flock of sheep that were on the range, saying they were in his mark and he should have them. It was a fact that Weddle and Widow Requa, who lived in the neighborhood of Dr. Requa, were in the habit of marking their stock in the same mark, and these sheep belonged to the Widow, and the Doctor told Weddle whose they were, and that he should not drive them up, as he was not in that business. Weddle went off, breathing out threats, and soon after, in company with one Mr. Rupe, was on his way to Dr. Requa's with the avowed intention of killing him, and while eating a meal at a Mrs. Brown's were intercepted by a party of militia and both killed. The pious Doctor considers this a direct interposition of Providence in his behalf. Though far advanced in age the old gentleman lives in comfort and good health, and promises to last even many years yet to come.

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Their Rendezvous in Hudson
Township Invaded by
Officers,

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Justice.

Appleton Journal.

It seems to us proper that all our readers should fully understand the true history of the gang of thieves, who have until quite recently resided in Hudson township, Bates county, Missouri. About five years ago a man with a family consisting of a wife and child, by the name of A. R. Moore, moved into Hudson township and leased 160 acres of prairie land from John D. Myers. One James Emory lived with this man Moore and seemed to be wholly under his influence, and as a matter of fact was possessed of but little sense. These parties worked well for about two years, and they were free from suspicion. During the winter of 1878-79, a stranger came along the public road on horseback and stopped with Moore. He claimed to the neighbors to be on the hunt for stolen horses, and had many cards in his possession, which he showed around. This man gave his name as Halt. Moore and him attended all the dances far and near, and Halt showed large sums of money to the girls. Halt remained with Moore about six weeks, and when he departed Moore sold off a considerable portion of his stock and left with him. His wife and Emory remained on the farm. These parties were gone about two months and returned apparently full handed. They were at home a short time and left again, and after an absence of some time Moore returned home alone and appeared very angry with Halt. In the spring of 1880, Moore moved on another farm. He had become angry with Simon Gilbreath because he refused to rent him a farm, and a short time before he moved from off the Myers farm the granary, containing grain, fan mill and other farm implements, and a new buggy and harness in a shed adjoining were all consumed by fire about two o'clock in the night time. These men were mad and under the influence of liquor that night, and it was always thought that they did it. While living on the Myers farm, one James Hickman, then a young man and single, came up from Miller county, Missouri, and lived with Moore. This man Hickman induced Athalia Taylor to run away and marry him. Hickman purchased four acres of land due south from Hudson, about two miles and a half from there, and there he located. He was accused of stealing from E. K. Gird and the other neighbors all the while he lived there. He was considered a dangerous man, and the citizens thought they could better lose a little corn and meat and potatoes than have a difficulty with him. The neighbors resorted to all kinds of means to buy his farm, but he always refused to sell until after the stealing from Margaret Bryner and Judge Robbards. On the night of the 13th of June, 1881, some one entered the house through an open window and took \$380 and a watch and many other articles out of the house. Mrs. Robbards awoke and called to the judge, who was lying on the floor in an adjoining room, but the parties made good their escape. The neighbors tracked the parties next day a considerable distance. One Thomas Reed at the time lived with Hickman, and he left the country early next morning, and little John Hickman left also. James Hickman remained at home but seemed frightened. He and his wife prepared and left on the cars for Miller county in a short time. They spent considerable money before leaving, and went off on the cars. They told conflicting tales about how they obtained the money. After being gone awhile they returned and sold the four acres of land. They remained away until the money was spent, and finally returned. Suspicion always rested on Reed and the two Hickmans. Athalia Hickman was intimate with old Grandmother Bryner, and it is said she imparted the knowledge. Hickman was arrested and placed under a \$1,500 bond. He ran off and left his father to pay the bond. After

Moore located his family the second time he left home and would be gone from two to four months, and on his return would be accompanied by five and eight armed men. They would remain at the house of Moore about two weeks, and each time they went and come some house was burglarized or horse stolen, or saddle or harness taken. The officers found out that Halt was a very bad man, and went by an assumed name, and was wanted in various places. They found out that Moore had known Halt long and well, and knew him when he first came into the county. Halt married a niece of Moore's, and was married at the time he was here hunting stolen horses. There was a large reward offered for Halt and he was arrested in Ft. Scott, Kansas, and has been sentenced to the penitentiary in Kansas according to the best information the citizens can obtain. After Halt disappeared the next man who appeared was Walter Hobbs. He and Moore made several trips off and always came back with plenty of money. There was Geo. Robinson, Pet Reed, Tom Reed, Ike Haynes, who would frequently come in with Moore. They all went armed and never done any work, but always had plenty of money. During the last summer and fall there has been at least a dozen houses burglarized and about twenty head of horses stolen from Hudson township. The number of saddles and sets of harness taken during the last two years are difficult to enumerate. On the night of November 5th 1881, there was only Hobbs and Moore at the house of the latter and that night a set of harness and buggy was taken from Simeon Gilbreath and a span of mules from C. C. Peeler. Moore and Hobbs both disappeared that night. Hobbs was arrested in Texas, he and John and Jim Reed for burglarizing a house there. Hobbs was brought back to Missouri and put in jail in Bates county by Sheriff Simpson and his deputy. The citizens sent two parties to Miller county, Missouri, and there they obtained a true history of each and every one of the gang. They found several sets of harness and saddles belonging to citizens in Bates county and those who possessed them said Moore and Hobbs hauled them in there and sold them out. Moore has done no work for two years. Hobbs and Moore have been running together all the while. Hobbs has a wife in Miller county. The citizens in the last named county have suffered a great deal by the means of this gang of thieves. After Hobbs was arrested and brought back Moore became frightened and as every one supposed left the country. Hobbs admits to having been in the penitentiary and it is reported that James Hickman has also been there. When James Hickman forfeited his bond the citizens kept on the lookout for him and knowing that old Sim Mitchell who lived within two and one-half miles of Eldorado springs, in Vernon county, would harbor and protect him, sent two men over there. These parties went to the constable, who took some other men and the ten surrounded the house about two o'clock and Hickman jumped out the window and endeavored to make his escape but was captured. It turned out that Moore and young Robinson was in a house near by and hearing the noise made their escape into the brush. They were followed and some fifteen or twenty shots were passed between the parties. One man under charge of the officer was wounded in the leg. It is not definitely known what became of Moore and Robinson. Robinson stole a horse from a man near McAllister, in the Choctaw Nation, and run him through to Sedalia and sold him.

The parties pursuing got an overcoat from Moore and some fifty different keys of all sizes and descriptions. Hickman was brought back and sentenced to seventy days imprisonment in the county jail for having upon and about his person concealed deadly weapons, previous to his leaving. This secures his attendance for the March term of court, A. D. '82. Reed waived an examination and his bond put at \$2,000, and having failed to give it, was committed to jail. Hobbs is still in jail in Bates county and will probably remain there until March. This gang of men were really worse than the Greenwades. They will burn, kill or do anything for revenge or gain. The citizens of Hudson township have spent about \$500 to catch these men and are determined

to punish them and drive those who escape out of the country.

We are informed by reliable citizens in Miller county, Missouri, that A. R. Moore is an escaped convict from the Indiana penitentiary. He married in Miller county, and about every two months would make a trip down there pretending on a visit to his father-in-law. The citizens inform us that each trip he brought a load of harness and saddles and other articles. The people of Hudson township really deserve great praise for the expense incurred and the time spent in breaking up this gang of thieves.

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